

THE LIFE AND WRITINGS

who quote me as of a different opinion, will keep pace with *me* in purchasing nothing foreign where an equivalent of domestic fabric can be obtained, without regard to difference of price, it will not be our fault if we do not soon have a supply at home equal to our demand, and wrest that weapon of distress from the hand which has wielded it. (To Benj. Austin, 1816. C. VI., 522.)

MASSACHUSETTS.—Oh, Massachusetts! How have I lamented the degradation of your apostasy! Massachusetts, with whom I went with pride in 1776, whose vote was my vote on every public question, and whose principles were then the standard of whatever was free or fearless. But she was then under the counsel of the two Adams; while Strong, her present leader, was promoting" petitions for submission to British power and British usurpation. While under her present counsels, she must be content with nothing; as having a vote, indeed, to be contented, but not respected. But should the State once more buckle on her Republican harness, we shall receive her again as a sister, and recollect her wanderings among the crimes of the parricide party, which would have basely sold what their fathers so bravely won from the same enemy. Let us look forward, then, to the act of repentance, which by dismissing her venal traitors, shall be the signal of return to the bosom and to the principles of her brethren; and if her late humiliation can just give her modesty enough to suppose that her Southern brethren are somewhat on a par with her in wisdom, in information, in patriotism, in bravery, and even in honesty, although not in psalm singing, she will more justly estimate her own relative momentum in the Union. With her ancient principles, she would really be great, if she did not think herself the whole. (To Gen. Dearborne, 1815. C. VI., 450.)

MERCHANTS, PRIESTS AND LAWYERS.—I join in your reprobation of our merchants, priests and lawyers, for their adherence to England and monarchy, in preference to their own country and its constitutions. But merchants have no country. The mere spot they stand on does not constitute so strong an attachment as that from which they draw their gains. In every country